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1. WE PASSED INFORMAL AIDE MEMOIRE BASED ON REFTEL TO
FAO DEPARTMENT, OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY OFFICIALS
SEPTEMBER 8. THEY STATED U.S. POSITION CONSISTENT WITH
THAT OF UK AND THAT THEY WOULD INSTRUCT UK DEL TO
SEPTEMBER 9 DAC MEETING TO SUPPORT U.S. POSITION THAT THE
SEPTEMBER 27-30 IFAD PREPCOM MEETING IS NOT "EMPOWERED"
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OR APPROPRIATE FOR NEGOTIATING FALLBACK POSITIONS ON

IFAD TARGET LEVEL OR ROUGH PARITY ISSUE. THEY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF OUR CONCERN OVER PREMATURE ESTABLISHMENT OF FALLBACK POSITIONS AND THE EFFECT THIS MIGHT HAVE ON FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH OPEC COUNTRIES. THEY ALSO SAID THEY WOULD PREPARE A BRIEF FOR THEIR DELEGATE TO IMF/IBRD ANNUAL MEETING IN MANILA SHOULD DECISION BE MADE TO HOLD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DAC AND OPEC DELEGATES THERE.

2. DURING OUR DISCUSSION, ODM OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THAT ODM IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING INCREASING UK PLEDGE TO IFAD. A FIGURE BETWEEN TWO AND THREE MILLION POUNDS IS MOST LIKELY AT PRESENT. INTENTION WOULD BE TO RAISE UK PLEDGE TO EQUIVALENT OF 30 MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH WAS EQUIVALENT OF THEIR INITIAL PLEDGE OF 15 MILLION POUNDS BEFORE DECLINE IN VALUE OF POUND. IN ADDITION, MINISTERS APPEAR TO BE DISPOSED TO INCREASE PLEDGE FURTHER SHOULD THERE BE INDICATIONS THAT THIS WOULD PROMPT ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS BY OPEC GOVERNMENTS. ODM OFFICIALS ARE SKEPTICAL, HOWEVER, THAT ANY SUCH GESTURE WOULD BE RESPONDED TO BY OPEC MEMBERS.

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